

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Thursday Morning, August 20, 1863.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY.

J. A. McCREA will sell at 11 a.m. at sales-rooms, to close inventories, French Brandy, Onions, Bacon and Hams, English Cheese, China Soap, Tea, etc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(From the Columbian.)

The steamer Reliance, on board, Mr. A. Oppenheimer, of Yale; Mr. Marks of Marks & Winkler; Mr. Cole of Goldstone & Brother, which will bring on later arrivals from the mines. They lost their way and wandered for two days. It is believed that the above treasure is all in the hands of traders, and that a few weeks feature and will give an impetus to trade.

The work on the Suspension Bridge is progressing favorably. The cables were put in position on Saturday, and it is expected the bridge will be opened in about two weeks.

Capt. Parsons, Lieutenant Palmer, and Dr. S. Smith, all of the Royal Engineers, arrived by the steamer Reliance on Monday evening. This brilliant institution (the Escort) was actually so hard up for horses that they were obliged to impress two of Donald Fraser's at Lillooet on their way up, in consequence of which his servant, who had been told that some of their horses had strayed away in the upper country and are not likely to be recovered.

The steamer Flying Dutchman arrived from Douglas on Monday morning, having on board Mr. Coxen with \$20,000 in treasure, brought to Lillooet by his partner, who left Cariboo on the 6th inst.

Customs Receipts for week ending Saturday, 17th August, 1863:—Duties, £1263 16 11; Harbor dues, £21 2 4; Head Money, £29 16; Passenger dues, £85 10. Total, £1383 5 0; or \$6708.

Amount of road tolls collected at Douglas, Yale and Lytton during the month of June and July of the present year:—

	JUNE.	JULY.
Yale.....	1149 6 6	£390 11 0
Douglas.....	1395 8 4	1053 8 0
Lytton.....	437 5 5	454 10 0
TOTAL.....		£2381 17 6
Douglas.....		2381 17 6
Lytton.....		892 4 5
Grand total.....		£4880 18 10

SEIZURE OF THE ELIZA ANDERSON.—A seizure of the steamer Eliza Anderson was made yesterday morning, on a writ of injunction issued by Chief Justice Cameron in a suit commenced against her by the British Columbia Navigation Company. In the afternoon an additional order from the Court of Admiralty placed her in the hands of the Marshall, who now has her in his possession.

We understand that the Company consider that a portion of the said steamer, although registered in the name of their agent, is held by him in trust for them. In anticipation of closing up their business, and selling their property, they desired a final settlement of the matter, and the said steamer, which has been made, they decided to tie her up till the arrival of Capt. Wright from San Francisco. He is looked for by the steamer to-morrow. The rumors referred to in yesterday's issue, that the arrangement was a mere cure, without foundation, as no trouble is anticipated between the company and their agent.

POSTAL RECIPROCITY.—Yesterday — Baker, Esq., special agent of the United States, accompanied by Allan Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul, had an interview with His Excellency the Governor on the subject of establishing a reciprocity in our postal connections with the States on the Pacific. As far as we understand, it is Mr. Baker's object to effect an arrangement with our government to extend to San Francisco, Portland, and ports on Puget Sound similar to the existing regulations between Canada and the States, whereby mail matter, upon payment of the prescribed rates of postage, will be forwarded to its destination without entailing the necessity of accounts being kept between the different post offices. The expense of the mail service is equally borne by the two governments. The deputation was courteously received by Governor Douglas. We shall know more of the subject anon.

PUBLIC PIC-NIC TO SAN JUAN.—From a public notice appearing in our advertising columns it will be seen that a large number of excursionists propose visiting San Juan Island, on the 27th inst. It is proposed to charter the handsome steamer Enterprise for the occasion. An efficient band will be provided, and various amusements, including dancing for the special gratification of the ladies, form part of the programme. Full particulars are given in the advertisement, and judging from the names appended to it, we may be safely predicted that the arrangement will not only be satisfactorily carried out, but that all who avail themselves of the opportunity will pass a day of enjoyment seldom within their reach.

THE POKER OF HEART.—We are informed that a worthy layman, residing not a thousand miles from this city, accustomed to reside at public and other meetings, was upon a recent Sunday requested to officiate in the place of the minister who was suffering from indisposition. The worthy "cit" proceeded to discharge his ministerial functions with becoming reverence, but for the moment forgetting the occasion, he commenced with "Ladies and Gentlemen"—the scripture moveth us, etc.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday afternoon from New Westminster with a number of passengers and about \$200,000 by Express and in the hands of private parties. She brought no later news from Cariboo but we publish elsewhere letters from Williams Creek, written anterior to the departure of the last express.

FROM COWICHAN.—The sloop Louisa, King arrived last evening from Cowichan. The settlers had held a meeting and passed a resolution, agreeing to subscribe a petition for a representative in the House of Assembly. Postal matters, road labor, and other questions were also discussed. The petition was in course of signature when the Louisa left.

F. F. D.—As our evening contemporary reproduces a statement made by Mr. Davies at the meeting of Licensed Victuallers, held on Tuesday evening, that he was a contributor to that journal, we think it necessary to add that F. F. D. is not in any way a contributor to the columns of the COLONIST.

THE BRIDGES AGREE.—Two Johnny Gillips were fined each \$2 yesterday by Mr. Pemberton for riding at a faster pace than a walk over the bridges, and a summons was ordered to be issued against a third.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner North Star, McCulloch, arrived yesterday with 75 tons of coal to R. Brodick.

FROM THE SCHOONER.—The sloop John Thornton arrived yesterday from Ulsaday with 30 M feet lumber to Mr. McAllister.

The Court of Revision held another sitting yesterday.

The schooner Rambler arrived on Tuesday night from Port Angeles.

How the Mosquitoes BITE at New Westminster.—Our contemporary the Columbian in its last issue has a sky-rocket leader on the subject of the news received by the last mail steamer, headed, "Liberty to the serfs of Columbia." After offering its congratulations to the thrall of a "rapacious enemy and heartless rival," by the settlement beyond all doubt of the two cardinal points, "Mr. Douglas is not to be their governor (?) and there is to be no union of the colonies," at length reaches the summit of its meteoric flight, and then explodes in the following little rhapsody: "It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Douglas is at length to be the governor of his own territory. To relieve him in consideration of his long service," and that one year before the expiration of his term as Governor of this Colony, is a fitting punishment for the gross betrayal of trust—namely, to deprive him of the whole colony for his own private advantage. It is true his dismissal does not constitute restitution, but with a good government of our own we shall not be long in out-growing the ill effects of his own mismanagement in demonstration to Victoria and to the commercial world the natural advantages of New Westminster as a great entrepot for the British Pacific, as well as the terminus of overland communication."

SELLING LIQUOR DURING DIVINE SERVICE.—James Greenbaum, Thomas McCann, and James Wilcox were severally charged in the Police Court yesterday with selling liquors during the hours of Divine Service. In the two former cases Mr. Pemberton imposed a light penalty of \$2.50. Mr. Bishop appeared for Mr. Wilcox and pleaded not guilty. Officer Spooner was examined and stated, in answer to Mr. Bishop, that he supplied a sovereign to a brother policeman named Jackson who was in plain clothes, for the purpose of obtaining drink in the house. The magistrate said he did not approve of such a course of procedure as a principle. It was only in cases where it was difficult to detect an offence by any other means, such, for instance, as supplying whisky to Indians, where the magistrate might be obliged to do so, that he would permit the adoption of such means for obtaining a conviction. In the present instance, if the Police could not detect that the house was open and supplying liquors during the hours of Divine Service, they had no right to bring forward this charge. He should therefore dismiss it.

A large picnic was given by some civilians yesterday at Cadboro Bay.

CARIBOO.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

RIEFHOLD, AUGUST 3, 1863.

Every Express is as anxiously looked for here as the steamer which carries the burden of life, merchandise, and mail matter, which communicates between the old and the new world, and tells of wonderful inventions, revolutions, the overthrow of Empires, and the rise of new dynasties, and the current history of those past away. The tired horse of the Expressman while passing through Richfield has an interest which is only rivaled by the two bundles in water-proof covers on his back. A rush takes place all his excitement. Leo is beaten and Vicksburg is taken! All other matters are minor in importance to these two facts, fraught with either pleasure or pain to the bearer, as his providential arrival at Richfield is a source of great interest and excitement. The next question of peace or war between Great Britain and America is anxiously put and as satisfactorily answered. The elections possess more interest, and result in a new government, than the result are freely discussed and made. The letters are distributed, the most important news is then read, and each one returns to his cabin with his newspaper, which he intends to read and peruse with the greatest care.

Another Source of Employment.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—What is the reason that people don't put up ripe fruit and green vegetables when they are cheap and plentiful, for use at a time when they are scarce and dear, as in the Western States of America? It is only a question of two miles or two weeks of employment to many persons especially thimblets. They would sell in the winter even if we did not export any. When the practice first began, there were only a few dozens were put up, but in the course of the last year it amounted to thousands of dozens yearly; and so it might here. It is too late in the season to begin now, but by another year arrangements might be entered into for that purpose. The vessels used for this purpose are small, and would give employment to many persons especially thimblets. They would sell in the winter even if we did not export any. 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